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Application. No: 09/614,784  
Applicant: Srinivas KANDALA  
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Title: METHOD OF HYBRID SOFT/HARD  
DECISION DEMODULATION OF SIGNALS  
WITH MULTILEVEL MODULATION

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Examiner: Jason M. PERRILA  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.